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09/554882 Address: ASSISTANT COMMIS R FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231 FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY, DOCKET NO U.S. APPLICATION NO. ETOH 0020-4711P 09/554,882 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 5611 PCT/JP99/05146 002292 BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH I.A. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE P 0 BOX 747 FALLS CHURCH VA 22040-0747 09/21/99 09/22/98 06/21/00 DATE MAILED: NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495 1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. 2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates 2 2 MAY 2000 2 2 MAY 2000 DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon. 3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 2 2 MAY 2000 and the application will be examined in turn. 4. The following items have been received: U.S. Basic National Fee. Copy of the international application in: a non-English language. Tenglish. Translation of the international application into English. Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US. Copy of Article 19 amendments. 

Translation of Article 19 amendments into English. The Article 19 amendments have have not been entered. The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any. Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER). Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5) Haritta A. Bunk

Copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein.

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